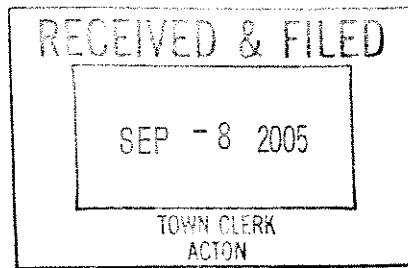


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**DECISION**  
**05-05**

**Scenic Road Hearing**  
**Tree Removal on Pope Road**

**August 23, 2005**

Decision of the Acton Planning Board (hereinafter the Board) on the proposed removal of five trees on Pope Road in the vicinity of the Brabrook Road intersection. Pope Road is a scenic road under Chapter J of the Bylaws of the Town of Acton. A hearing on the proposed removal was duly advertised in the newspaper and the subject trees have been marked in the field. The public hearing was held on August 23, 2005. Board members Gregory E. Niemyski (Chairman), Christopher R. Schaffner (Vice Chairman), William F. King (Clerk), Gary R. Sullivan, Ruth M. Martin, Edmund R. Starzec, and associate member Bruce Reichlen were present throughout the hearing. Also present was the Acton Tree Warden, Dean Charter. The minutes of the hearing and submissions on which this decision is based upon may be viewed to in the Planning Department or the Town Clerk's office at the Acton Town Hall.

**1 EXHIBITS**

Submitted for the Board's deliberation were the following exhibits:

- 1.1 Legal notice.
- 1.2 A plan entitled "Tree Removal Plan for Ellsworth Village LLC", dated 11/19/04, drawn by the Stamski and McNary, Inc., Acton, MA, consisting of one sheet.
- 1.3 Letter from George Dimakarakos, P.E., Stamski and McNary, Inc., to the Planning Board and Tree Warden dated 6/21/05.
- 1.4 Letter from Dean Charter, Tree Warden, to George Dimakarakos, P.E., Stamski and McNary, Inc. dated 8/23/05.
- 1.5 Letter from George Dimakarakos, P.E., Stamski and McNary, Inc., to Dean Charter, the Tree Warden, dated 8/23/05.

**2 FINDINGS and CONCLUSIONS**

Based upon its review of the exhibits and the record of the proceedings the Board finds and concludes that:

- 2.1 The trees proposed for removal are: one 36" DBH Oak, one 30" DBH Oak, one 12" DBH Hickory, and two 20" DBH Oaks.
- 2.2 The removal of at least three of the trees, the 12" DBH Hickory and the two 20" DBH Oaks, is necessary for sight distance and other safety improvements at the Pope Road and Brabrook Road intersection as part of the Ellsworth Village development.

- 2.3 The removal of the 36" DBH Oak and the 30" DBH Oak may be necessary to improve sight distance at the Pope Road and Brabrook Road intersection.

**3 BOARD ACTION**

The Board hereby consents to the removal of the one 12" DBH Hickory and two 20" DBH Oaks. After the removal of the three trees, the Board will re-evaluate the sight distance at the Pope Road and Brabrook Road intersection.

Signed on behalf of the Acton Planning Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roland Bartl", written over a horizontal line.

Roland Bartl, AICP, Town Planner

Copies furnished:

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Town Clerk  
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